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Classified By: POLITICAL MINISTER-COUNSELOR CHARLES V. BARCLAY, REASONS : 1.4(B/D).

¶1. (SBU) On October 25, poloff delivered reftel talking points to Minister Dolores Jimenez, Deputy Director of UN Affairs at the Secretariat for Foreign Relations (SRE). On November 6, Jimenez contacted poloff to explain that Mexico's position on at least two of these resolutions -- she did not specify which ones -- would be decided at the Mexican Mission in New York. She improbably asserted that the SRE lacked the authority to instruct the mission how to vote on those resolutions.

¶2. (C) Comment: We suspect that in putting responsibility for the voting decision on Mexico's UN Mission, Jimenez is trying to avoid being the bearer of bad news. Having voted in favor of all three resolutions last year, and given Mexico's historic tilt towards the Palestinians at the United Nations, we believe Mexico will vote for the three resolutions again this year.

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